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REMARKS

Claims 1-44 were pending in the subject application. By this Amendment, claims 1-44 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 45-65 have been added. Support for new claims 45-65 can be found *inter alia* at least as follows: support for new claim 45 can be found in original claims 1 and 15, and on page 36, last paragraph, through page 37, line 1; support for new claim 46 can be found in original claim 16; support for new claim 47 can be found in original claims 1, 13 and 15, and on page 36, last paragraph, through page 37, line 1; support for new claim 48 can be found in original claim 14; support for new claim 49 can be found in original claim 2, and on page 48, lines 8-10; support for new claim 50 can be found in original claims 2 and 5; support for new claims 51-59 can be found in original claims 4-12, respectively; support for new claims 60-61 can be found in original claims 17 and 18, respectively; and support for new claims 62-65 can be found in original claims 20-23, respectively.

The specification has been amended to recite the continuing data for the subject application.

Applicants maintain that the amendments to the claims and to the specification do not raise an issue of new matter. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the references that are listed on the attached forms PTO/SB/08A and 1449 (2 pages). The enclosed Form PTO 1449 is a copy of a form submitted in prior Application No. 09/889,243. The references listed on the enclosed forms were previously submitted to or cited by the Patent Office during

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prosecution of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/889,243, from which the subject application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of previously cited or submitted references are not included with this Information Disclosure Statement.

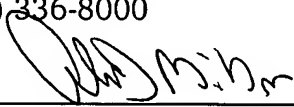
CONCLUSIONS

A check for \$1,384.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for filing the subject application. No additional fee is deemed necessary in connection with the submission of this Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement. However, if any other fee is required to maintain the pendency of the subject application, authorization is hereby given to withdraw the amount of any such fee from Deposit Account No. 01-1785. Overpayments may also be credited to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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